

HOME COMMISSION  
MAKES ITS REPORT

Advocates Reforms to Improve Living Conditions in the District.

GOVERNMENT LOANS  
TO ERECT HOUSES

Board Would at Once Abolish All Alloys and Change Them Into Minor Streets.

The recommendations of the President's Home Commission covering a multitude of subjects relating to the reformation of the housing conditions of the wage earner in the District, the betterment of his dwelling and its adequate protection from fire or other forms of destruction, are contained in the report forwarded to the Senate this morning by President Roosevelt.

For two years this commission, under the direction of Gen. George M. Sternberg, has been at work. Associated with General Sternberg were Dr. George M. Kober, W. H. Baldwin, S. W. Woodward, Fred L. Siddons, Prof. George W. Cook, Whitfield McKinley, Miss Mabel J. Boardman, Mrs. Thomas T. Gaff, James B. Reynolds, T. C. Parsons, Emmett L. Adams, P. J. Brennan, and W. J. Downey.

The recommendations made by the commission in their report follow:

1. The enactment of model factory and labor laws for the employees of the government and for the District of Columbia. Such laws, apart from regulating the hours of labor, should also make adequate provisions for the sanitation of workplaces, for employers' liability in case of accidents, and for a comprehensive system of industrial insurance for all government employees and employees in the District of Columbia.

2. The appointment by the President of a special board composed of architects and sanitarians now in the employ of the government for the purpose of evolving model plans and building regulations for government workshops and office buildings.

3. The establishment in the National Museum of a special section devoted to exhibits illustrative of the hygiene of occupations, the proper use of appliances, and other collections for the promotion of industrial and social betterment.

4. The committee is of the opinion that even greater emphasis should be given in the curriculum of the public schools, to manual training and domestic science.

5. The importance of a thorough practical training in domestic science is nowhere more evident than in the study of our family groups whose income is less than \$200 a year.

**Better Pay.**

6. The committee recommends adequate compensation of all employees whether in the Government service or in other fields of work. This applies with special emphasis to married men earning less than \$2 a day.

7. The standards of living could be materially improved by diminishing the expenditures for tobacco and intoxicants.

8. We also recommend the enactment of a bill introduced by Senator Gallinger making drunkenness a misdemeanor and placing habitual drunkards under a legal restraint in the hospital for inebriates. The committee believes that the provisions of the bill will be materially strengthened by making the sale of intoxicants to habitual drunkards a criminal offense.

9. The committee believes that public playgrounds and athletic fields will promote temperance and chastity.

10. The committee believes that the causes of physical and financial impoverishment are:

(a) The commission is earnestly recommended that the Postmaster General be requested to publish with the monthly supplements to the Official Postal Guide, a bulletin setting forth the essential facts in connection with the fraud orders issued during the preceding month.

**For Pure Food.**

11. We also recommend that all information concerning harmful ingredients in foods, medicines, soft and alcoholic drinks which may come to light during the execution of the pure food and drug law, be published by the Department of Agriculture in the same manner as "Farmers' Bulletins" are now being published.

12. The commission strongly recommends the enactment of a law for the suppression of tenement houses as contemplated by Senate Bill No. 11, H. R. 1177.

13. The creation of a bureau of labor would likewise render valuable services both to employers and employees in the supervision of employment agencies.

**Need of Hospital.**

14. Our sociological investigation shows that out of 5,537 persons enumerated, 613, or 12 per cent, had been sick during the past year, with an average duration of 22.4 days, involving a loss of 13,600 days of work. This, together with information collected by the Board of Charities, emphasizes the need of hospital facilities for convalescents.

15. The cases of permanent disability found in the 1,217 families are comparatively few, namely, forty-two. Your committee recommends that the study of hygiene be made an important part of the school curriculum.

16. In the interest of general sanitation your committee recommends:

1. The further purification of the water supply. 2. The reclamation of the Anacostia flats. 3. The enactment of a more stringent law regarding the production and sale of milk and dairy products. The abandonment of box parties, removal of shacks, establishment of public baths for all seasons of the year, more liberal appropriations for the Health Department, and a larger corps of sanitary inspectors. 4. Greater co-operation on the part of the Police Department in the enforcement of sanitary laws and ordinances.

**WAS'N'T WORTH WHILE.**

"Did Max get her maiden name back with her divorce?" "Sure, she did." "She didn't want it. She married that afternoon."—Puck.

**TEACHER AND PUPIL.**

"Friend, you took your son into your establishment and made him go to school. I understand. I understand. How did it turn out?" "Business Man (wearily)—Great success. He's teaching me now."—Tit-Bits.

**A RUSE.**

"What is this peculiar key on your typewriter? I never saw it on any before." "Hist! My own invention. Whenever you can't spell a word, you press this key and it makes a blur."—Boston Transcript.

**COULD YOU GUESS?**

"Bam! Bam!—Do you know, Miss Ethel, I dreamt last night that you and I were married." "Miss Ethel—Oh, did you? How perfectly sweet! Now, tell me, who was your husband?"—Boston Transcript.

WORK OF TREASURY  
DETECTIVES IS PLAYED

Judge Smith, of Iowa, Says Their Ability Is Not Great If Stewart Case Is a Real Test of Their Ability. Advises Service For Use of Department of Justice.

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by the people unless it respects itself. We are jealous of the honor of the nation, we should be equally jealous of the honor of our institutions.

He said that although unit and disunion were not the issue, the House of Representatives, but with few exceptions the body was composed of men of integrity, whose vote he estimated not by fear of the police, but by an honest regard for the public service. Perkins quoted the President as saying that he held Congress in high regard, and then added:

**To Be Deported.**

"It would, therefore, be a thing to be deplored if, as a result of any unfortunate inadvertence of language, any untoward combination of words, expression should remain in his message which might be interpreted by the people as lessening the dignity, and thereby weakening the authority of Congress."

"If Congress listens tamely and timidly to reflections upon the character of its members, and its honesty of purpose, it will deserve, and it will certainly receive the contempt of the public. We feel that the suggestions in the message of this Congress should receive meekly to receive and mildly to consider."

The Congress of the United States today exists as a result of centuries of struggle for popular government. Let every man who is a member of it vote on this question in a manner which seems to him most worthy of the traditions of which we are the heirs, the protectors, and of the people of whom we are the representatives."

**Denby Follows.**

Representative Perkins, following his dignified speech presenting the committee's resolution, yielded the floor to Representative Denby of Michigan. Mr. Denby, after saying that he and the House faced one of the most painful duties they would ever be called upon to perform. He continued:

"On December 8 last this House received from the President his annual message. It contained a discussion of an amendment to the last census bill concerning the Secret Service. In that discussion the President used language which was very generally considered by the membership of this House as highly offensive."

"On December 17 the House respectfully asked the President for any justification he cared to give in support of such statements. On January 1 he refused to do so. The House, therefore, of which was unworthy of the high office of a state paper. It is greatly to be regretted that the President should have seen fit to call by name any member of the House in this connection, not with the view of exposing corruption, but merely to criticize them for their official action in their legislative capacity."

**Does Not Agree.**

"The President does not agree with the committee, but surely he cannot hold the right to uphold to public ridicule any member whose ideas do not agree with his. The general view of this Congress, when I say that the members of the Appropriation Committee, bearing as they do, the untainted and undisputed credentials from their communities, have won and earned the respect of the American people. No one of this House can fail to appreciate the great detail of work done by this committee. That they have done their work well cannot be denied, and that they are able, upright, and industrious, and not deserving of the criticism which the Executive cannot be questioned here, nor can it be questioned elsewhere."

"It is unfortunate that the members of the House are criticized by name in a President's message because they did not happen to agree with the Executive on a question of public policy. This is a custom in future will be more honored by the breach than in the observance."

"The purpose of this resolution is that this House must be the judge of the propriety or impropriety of all communications addressed to it, and must not accede to the demand."

**May Decline It.**

"When the House receives a communication which is objectionable and which is neither withdrawn nor explained, it becomes the duty of the House to decline to consider such a communication from whatever source it may come. The resolution before the House today is as little offensive as the English language and the proprieties of the occasion will permit."

Mr. Denby closed by saying that he trusted the House would reply to the President in a dignified manner and that the reply or action taken by the House would not contain language similar to that used by the President in addressing that body.

The President of the United States, I regret to say, has lost a great opportunity in his reply to the House. I regret very much that a man holding the high office and so greatly respected should have made such a mistake. That he did not realize the impropriety of his action is hard to believe, but I do not believe that he had such realization. It is only to be regretted that when the opportunity to make a statement came he failed to take advantage of it.

"Let this resolution pass that the three great branches of the Government, legislative, judicial, and executive, may remain as they always have been, independent and co-equal, well respected and mutually respecting."

Just after Perkins had finished speaking, Secretary Latta, from the White House, appeared at the door. "I am sorry to hear that," he said, "but there was a perfect gale of laughter."

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was recognized. He said he wanted to make a proposition to the House.

Inasmuch as this report is a unanimous one of the Select Committee, I do not know how the time will have to be divided. I should like to know who represents the opposition to the resolution.

In the dramatic pause which he made here and amid murmurs all over the House, Representative Bennett, (Republican, New York) arose.

"I understand," said Williams, "that the gentleman from New York represents the opposition to the resolution."

There was no murmur of "no" over the House, and Bennett himself said:

"I do not represent the opposition, but I wish to present my own views, which are opposed to the resolution."

Mr. Bennett then demanded to know how much time was going to be consumed in the discussion of the resolution. He moved that consideration of the resolution be postponed for one week in order that members might have time to consider the matter.

There were cries of "No," "No!" from all parts of the hall. Mr. Perkins, at this juncture, said:

**Report Is Unanimous.**

"The report of the special committee is unanimous and has been made public, deliberately and after the most careful consideration. Every member of the House is familiar with this entire matter and there is no reason that the House cannot act today just as well as on any other time. I am sure there was nothing in my remarks nor in the resolution to indicate heat or passion and I do not think that action should be postponed. It is not my purpose to cut off debate by a call for the previous question until every body has had ample opportunity for argument."

Mr. Driscoll insisted that he did not want the House to act hastily or excitedly, and that more time should be allowed.

"Why, you are the only excited man in the House," said Mr. Perkins to his colleague. When Mr. Driscoll sat down amid the laughter of the floor and the galleries.

John Sharp Williams, a member of this committee, endeavored to sound out the opposition a moment later.

"In as much as this is a unanimous report of the committee, said Mr. Williams, "there is no member of the committee qualified to lead the forces who will oppose this resolution. It seems to me some gentleman should be appointed to control the debate in defense of the resolution. I presume there are such gentlemen on the floor."

**Bennett Opposes It.**

Again the House laughed and for a moment no one seemed inclined to champion the President's side of the controversy. Then Representative Bennett, of New York, arose and Mr. Williams sprang into the floor.

"Why not let the gentleman from New York lead the opposition?" the resolution. I presume he wishes for this purpose."

"The gentleman from Mississippi is not partially correct," interrupted Mr. Bennett. "I arise merely as a member of the House and not as a leader of the opposition to the resolution. I am going to speak against the resolution, but that is all."

Mr. Williams made another call for some general to stand forth and lead the anti-resolution faction, but again no volunteer. The speaker ended this part of the debate by saying that he would recognize the opponents of the resolution as they arose and that the House might then decide the question of time.

**THE STINGY TIGHTWAD.**

"I suppose your wife was tickled to death at your raise in salary?" "She will be."

"Haven't you told her yet?" "No; I thought I would enjoy myself for a couple of weeks first."—Nashville American.

**FOR THE INDIFFERENT.**

Parke—I don't know what I am ever going to do with that boy of mine. He is careless and absolutely reckless of consequences, and doesn't seem to care for anyone.

Lane—Good! You can make a taxicab driver out of him.—Life.

**COUPON WORTH \$1.00**

Present this Coupon Saturday and it will be accepted as part payment on any purchase of advertised goods.

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EXPLORERS TO SEEK  
DR. FREDERICK COOK

Plan Outfitting Relief Ship to Remain in Arctic Two Years.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Arrangements are under way for an arctic relief expedition to search for Dr. Frederick Albert Cook, the explorer, who left this city on July 4, 1907, in quest of the North Pole.

Dillon Wallace, an arctic explorer, of 88 Summit avenue, and Chester Beckett, of New Rochelle, will command the ship which will be able to remain in the arctic zone for two years. The sum of \$35,000, it is said, will be required to fit out a ship, furnish provisions and pay the crew.

Mrs. Cook, wife of the explorer, is greatly interested in the movement and has taken part in organizing a benefit performance, which will be given on January 26 and in which leading actors and actresses will take part. It is reported she may go with the searchers.

**J. H. WILSON BURIED IN GLENWOOD TODAY**

Funeral Services for War Department Clerk Held From Residence.

Funeral services for John H. Wilson, a clerk in the War Department and formerly a prominent railroad official, who died as the result of an operation in the Garfield Hospital, were held this afternoon from the family residence, 214 P street northwest. The Rev. James H. Taylor, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church officiated. Interment was in Glenwood Cemetery.

He is survived by a wife, Josephine Wilson, and six children, Ruth, Harold, Mary, Donald, Wallace, and Dorothy. A brother and sister residing at Huntington, W. Va., also survive.

**The Vital Records**

**Births.**

Joseph P. and Alvina Stuber, boys, Henry C. and Agnes G. Thompson, girl, Robert Z. and Agnes A. Hazel, boy, Ernest C. and Martha C. McDonald, girl.

**Marriage Licenses.**

Flora J. Culola and Josie Fischer, Solomon Rosenberg, Roanoke, Va., and Ellen Weinberg, Baltimore.

Daniel J. Donovan, Philadelphia, and D. H. House, and not as a leader of the opposition to the resolution. I am going to speak against the resolution, but that is all.

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**Deaths.**

Alice C. Ayer, 12 years, 1339 Emerson street northeast.

Paulus Boehm, 78 years, Government Hospital for Insane.

Charlotte B. Stuckney, 55 years, 1217 I street northwest.

Charles M. Cunningham, 8 years, 1917 Twenty-sixth street northwest.

Frank Forbes, 40 years, Government Hospital for Insane.

Ellie M. Heister, 30 years, 1118 Eighth street northeast.

John C. Franklin, 28 years, 811 Seventh street southwest.

George Robinson, 45 years, 137 Riggs place northwest.

Mary E. Gillin, 38 years, 67 Rhode island avenue northwest.

Patrick Noonan, 35 years, 1402 First street southwest.

William D. Dodd, 68 years, Congress Hall Hotel.

Hannah Genzberger, 75 years, Government Hospital for Insane.

Joseph L. Stuber, 1 day, 65 F street northeast.

LASSIES ARE TAUGHT  
TO HOP STREET CARS

Pretty Philadelphia High School Girls, Attired in Bloomers, Furnish Good Sport by Giving Exhibition of What They Learned in Gymnasium.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 8.—Practical application of gymnastic training to the solution of an everyday problem before which the alleged helplessness of the fair sex has been the theme of uncalculated masculine scoffing since street cars were street cars, was the cause of a sensation today on Trolley cars which pass the Girls' High School at Seventh and Spring Garden streets.

Girls who have been receiving instruction in mounting and dismounting from a street car, are practicing in public, for weeks they have been practicing in the gymnasium on a plank that represents the rear platform of a rapidly moving trolley.

Some pupils today, after receiving permission from the school authorities, took a chance at the real thing. They appeared on the street in bloomers, mounted the cars and rode a block, then dismounted before the vehicle stopped. It was great sport.

**MURDER IS CHARGE AGAINST SHI KAI**

Chinese Reformer Says Deposed Councillor Instigated Emperor's Death.

PENANG, Straits Settlement, Jan. 8.—According to Kang Yu Wei, well-known reformer, who was expelled from Peking after the coup d'etat of 1908, Yuan Shi Kai was dismissed as member of the grand council of the Chinese empire because he was instrumental in the death of the Emperor.

Yu Wei is at present living in Peking, but it is probable Shi Kai will be placed on trial for his connection in this matter.

"The plot will convince foreigners that Yuan Shi Kai instigated the murder of the Late Emperor," said Kang Yu Wei. "He dismissed will work for the good of the constitutional party; the constitution will no longer be delayed."

Continuing, Kang Yu Wei said: "I opposed foreign intervention in favor of Yuan Shi Kai; the matter is one for China to settle alone. The recent, Prince Chun, controls the army and he is introducing reforms."

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**WIRELESS REACHES INTERIOR OF ALASKA**

Port Ekbert station heard Sitka station, in Alaska, talking by the wireless system Tuesday night and E. Alexis Jeune, Lieutenant of the Signal Corps, says the circumstance is remarkable because it is the first time in the history of the wireless system in Alaska that an interior point could hear a message from Sitka.

It is 69 miles from Sitka to Port Ekbert. The operator at Port Ekbert reported the achievement to the Seattle station yesterday morning.

Plans are being made for equipping the Petersburg and Fort Wrangell stations on or about January 30. Lieutenant Jeune, who installed practically all of the Alaskan wireless stations, will be in charge of the work. The Petersburg station is intended for opening up communication between the town and the outside world, and will not be used for long-distance messages. Nearly for the material for the two new stations has arrived here, one dynamo having been received yesterday.

The two stations are all that the Government has approved for the present, but other work is under consideration.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

**Only One "BROMO QUININE"**

That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the name E. W. GROVE. Used the World over to Cure a Cold in One Day. See

NEW STREET LIGHTS  
TO SCATTER TOUGHS

Owing to the presence at various times of "several suspicious looking strangers" in the neighborhood of Belmont and Fifteenth streets northwest, Major Sylvester has recommended to the Commissioners that four additional street lamps be placed in that locality.

The Commissioners have ordered the erection of two lamps in Belmont street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, and four in Fifteenth street, between Belmont and Chapin streets, to be lighted as soon as funds are available.

**Died**

George Robinson was a life-long resident of Georgetown. He was forty-six years old and had been employed as a painter. Mr. Robinson is survived by four sisters. Mrs. George Robinson, Mrs. A. Noble, Mrs. John Hall and Mrs. Frank Ager. He was an attendant at St. John's Episcopal Church.

**SIDDOON**—On January 5, 1909, after a long and painful illness, MARY AGNES SIDDOON, widow of the late Prof. J. H. Siddons, and mother of Frederick L. and Victoria L. Siddons, of this city, and Mrs. James S. Rollins of Brooklyn, N. Y., died.

**GIBBS**—Suddenly, January 7, 1909, at 9:30 p. m., LAWRENCE C. Gibbs, son of Leola and James K. Gibbs, aged eleven months. Buried from 1st St. at n.w., Saturday, 2 p. m. Interment private.

**WEST**—On Thursday morning, January 7, at 2 o'clock, Dr. MAX WEST, husband of Mary Mills West. Services at 2 p. m., Saturday, January 9, at his residence, 1839 Summit place. Interment private.

**DE SAULES**—On Thursday, January 7, 1909, at 5 a. m., JEANNETTE, beloved wife of William De Saules, died.

**HUBBARD**—Suddenly, on January 5, 1909, EDWARD HUBBARD, beloved husband of Margaret Hubbard and father of Edward Hubbard, Jr., and Mabel Hubbard Hunt (ne Hubbard), aged sixty-five years.

**JACKSON**—On Wednesday, January 6, 1909, at 4:45 a. m., ANDREW, the beloved son of Alfred and the late Helen M. and brother of Estelle and Mabel Jackson.

**MAYNE**—Suddenly, on Thursday, January 7, 1909, Mrs. HARRIET E. MAYNE, at home of Mercy, 246 K street northwest.

**NOONAN**—On Wednesday, January 6, 1909, PATRICK, beloved husband of Carrie Noonan, aged forty-two years.

**ROBINSON**—On Wednesday, January 6, 1909, at 12 m., GEORGE, beloved son of the late Jefferson and Matilda Robinson.

**RUPPELT**—On Thursday, January 7, 1909, at 9:45 p. m., at the residence, in Bladensburg, ANN, beloved wife of Anton Rupplet.

**RUSSELL**—On Wednesday, January 6, 1909, at 4:15 p. m., ALLEN JAMES, son of William W. and Clara M. (nee Allen) Russell, aged five years.

**WILSON**—On January 6, 1909, JOHN H. WILSON, in the fifty-sixth year of his age.

**In Memoriam**

ROBINSON—In memory of ALICE ROBINSON, who died January 5, 1909. Somewhere in your bright city. Far beyond the starry sky. There where nurmes's waiting for us. We will meet to live and love. By Her Children Hester and Ernest Robinson.

**UNDERTAKERS.**

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